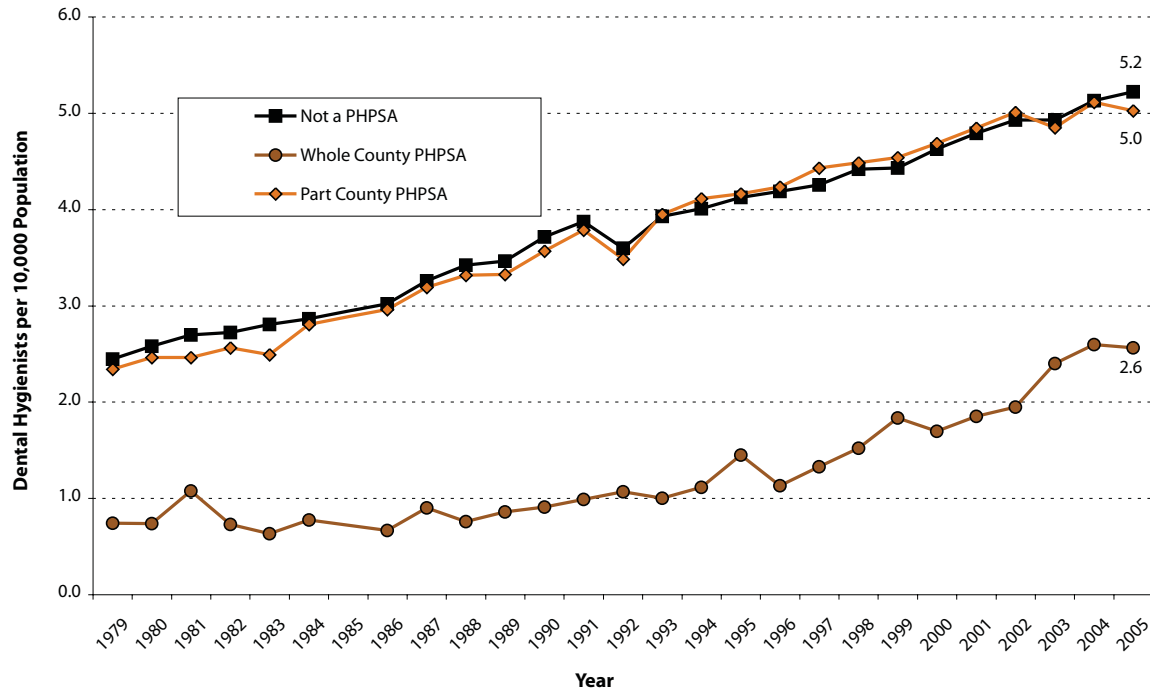


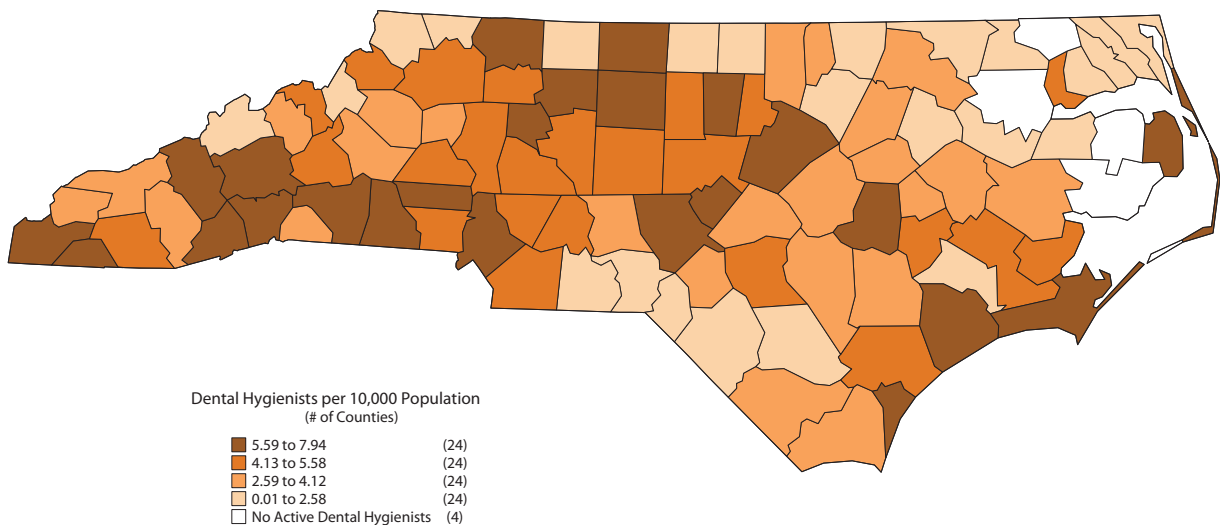
**Figure 58. Dental Hygienists per 10,000 Population
By Persistent Health Professional Shortage Area (PHPSA) Status, North Carolina
1979-2005**



Notes: Figures include all active, in-state dental hygienists licensed as of October 31st of the respective year. Persistent HPSAs are those designated as HPSAs by HRSA from 1999 through 2005, or in 6 of the last 7 releases of HPSA definitions.

Sources: North Carolina Health Professions Data System, 1979 to 2005; North Carolina Office of State Planning; North Carolina State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management; Area Resource File, HRSA, Department of Health and Human Services, 2006.

**Figure 59. Active Dental Hygienists per 10,000 Population
North Carolina, 2005**



Source: North Carolina Health Professions Data System, Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, with data derived from the North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners; North Carolina State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management.